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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1917

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FOR FBO

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: ABLD, SY

SUBJECT: SECURITY/GARDEN WALL IMMEDIATE REPAIR

1. EARLY THIS MORNING TWO LARGE VERTICAL CRACKS, APPROXIMATELY 75 FEET APART, RUNNING THE ENTIRE HEIGHT OF SUBJECT WALL WERE NOTICED BY THE GARDENER. THESE CARCKS WERE NOT THERE EVENING BEFORE.

2. UPON INSPECTION BY GSO THE FOLLOWING WAS FOUND:

A. THE CRACKS GO ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE WALL AND EXTEND FROM TOP OF WALL INTO THE FOUNDATION,

B. THE WALL WAS BOWED APPROXIMATELY SIX INCHES OUTWARD, INTO ADJOINING PROPERTY.

C. THE ONLY POSSIBLE CAUSE FOR THIS SEEMED TO BE THE ROW OF TREES PLANTED TWO FEET FROM THE WALL. THE TREE ROOTS PROBABLY OVER THE YEARS SLOWLY EXERTED PRESSURE ON THE FOUNDATION CULMINATING IN THE WALL CRACKING YESTERDAY.

D. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT THE ORIGINAL WALL WAS ONLY FIVE FEET HIGH, BUT AT SOME LATER TIME THE WALL WAS RAISED TO TWELVE FEET. THIS NATURALLY PUT ADDITIONAL STRAIN ON ORIGINAL FOUNDATION THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR WHICH WE DO NOT HAVE.

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3. THE ADJOINING PROPERTY IS A SYRIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

AND THE WALL WILL FALL INTO THE SCHOOL PLAY
GROUND AT ANY TIME UNLESS POST REMOVES IT IMMEDIATELY.

4. IN VIEW OF SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION, WHICH COULD
RESULT IN INJURING CHILDREN, POST PROPOSES TO REMOVE TOP
FIVE FEET OF EXISTING WALL IMMEDIATELY AND SOLICIT BIDS
FOR REPLACEMENT OF ALL OF THIS SECTION OF WALL. AS SOON AS ESTIMATES
RECEIVED POST WILL CABLE TO FBO REQUESTING FUNDS.

5. BY REFERING TO LOCATION PLAN ON FEBRUARY 1956 PLANS
DRAWN BY J. MAAKARUN, BEIRUT, 5 MARCH 1957 SECTION OF WALL
CAN BE LOCATED. IT IS THE 25 METERS OF WALL RUNNING
NORTH/SOUTH DIRECTLY BEHIND AND TO THE RIGHT OF THE
RESIDENCE.

6. REQUEST FBO CONCURRENCE ACTION PROPOSED ABOVE
BY RETURN IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM.
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